



21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	21 st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC018385
Charity's principal address	Scout Centre, South Avenue, Cults ABERDEEN Postcode AB15 9LP

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Acted for whole year and resigned March 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution. Unincorporated association.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

As set out in the Constitution.

Trustees must satisfactorily complete The Scout Association's Disclosure Scotland check for membership of the PVG scheme; be eligible for Charity Trustee status; and complete, within 5 months of the date of their appointment, The Scout Association's on-line training modules (a) Essential Information; (b) General Data Protection Regulation; (c) Safety; (d) Safeguarding; and (e) Trustee Introduction.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Young people work in partnership with adults; work together based on the values of Scouting (Integrity; Respect; Care; Belief; and Cooperation); enjoy what they are doing and have fun; participate in indoor and outdoor activities; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices; undertake new and challenging activities; and make and live by their promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities of the Scout Group were providing fun, challenge and adventure to young people through a balanced program of activities, events and experiences based around subject areas we call Program Zones, starting in the Beaver Scout Section and continuing to the Scout Section by way of indoor and outdoor activities, weekly meetings and adventurous activities including camps in Scotland and abroad, allowing young people to progress through the Program Zones and record their achievements.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Continued improvement and upgrading the Scout Centre. Essential maintenance and refurbishment of Scout Centre has continued throughout the year.

Young people gaining Chief Scout's Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. During this year we had a full year of face-to-face meetings and activities with all packs undertaking indoor and outdoor activities and success camps for all sections happening.

Unfortunately, no fund-raising events were held during the year with the focus on activities and reestablishing the regular planned events. The number of young people attending all sections has increased during this year. The Committee have planned and run their first fund raising activity in December 2024.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities. At 31 March 2024, the charity held £54,459 at the bank including £3,798 held by the Beaver Sections; £5,181 held by the Cub Sections; and £5,612 held by the Scout Section.

Ongoing development, maintenance and repairs of the Scout Centre can be significant, and a Reserve Fund has been maintained in this respect of £25,000. Some of these funds were used towards the cost of maintenance and upgrading of the Scout Centre. Significant funds will be required for (a) maintenance and repair of part of the roof of the building which is flat; and (b) Electrical Installation and Condition Report (EICR) mandatory testing and inspection of circuit boards, wiring and electrical accessories which must be completed in the latter half of 2024/25. The Trustees have designated a reserve fund of £25,000 (reviewed annually) to meet at least one year's operating costs and the Trustees consider this to be appropriate to respond promptly to any financial demands. The reserves policy maintained is compliant with the guidelines provided in the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses from the Charity during the year and are not paid any expenses for attendance at meetings.

The reimbursement of expenses is restricted to receipted expenditure incurred on behalf of the Charity.

Other optional information

The Scout Group, established in 1909 and part of Scouts Scotland, is a voluntary uniformed youth organisation. The Group has been twinned with a Norwegian Sea Scout Group, near Stavanger since 1977 and since 2015 has partnership agreements with 3 schools in Gomel, Belarus. Stavanger and Gomel are 2 of Aberdeen's twinned cities.

As at 31 January 2024, the membership of the Group was 188 youth members and 42 adult volunteers, in 2 Beaver Scout Colonies; 3 Cub Scout Packs; and 1 Scout Troop, with a waiting list of 37 children of an age to join Beavers and 16 of an age to join Cubs and 8 waiting to join Scouts.

Details of any deficit

During the year a surplus has been recorded of £2,346 reflecting the increase membership during this year following the return to a full schedule of events

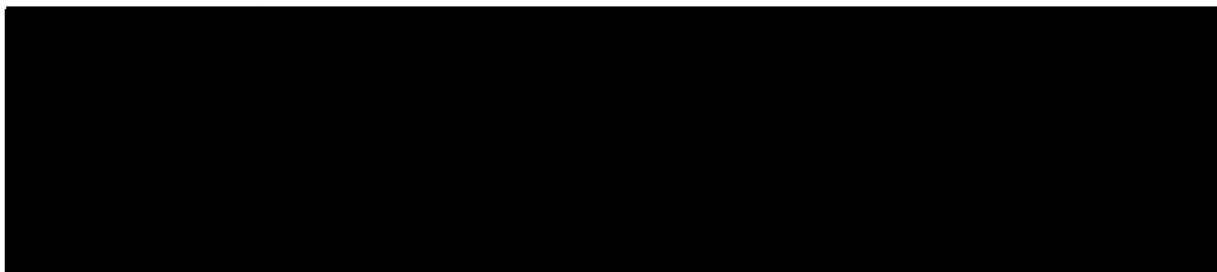
The Group continued to ensure maintenance of the Scout Hall and other activities were funded in support of the objectives of the Charity.

Donated facilities and services (if any) None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees



Position (Treasurer) Chairperson

Treasurer

Date 29/08/2025

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21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group
Consolidated Receipts and Payments Statement
For the year to 31 March 2024

Receipts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	21,718	11,500
Activities	4,422	3,921
Camp advance receipts (Norway/Templars/Lochgoilhead)	16,258	17,311
Group Donation	1,046	972
Sale of food & confectionary at events	-	10
Miscellaneous income	172	57
Property rental income	2,020	799
Total Receipts	45,636	34,570

Payments

Activities (biking, climbing, canoeing, etc)	4,856	3,978
21 st Group membership fees	8,976	6,262
Badges and uniform costs	2,690	3,644
Heat & Light	4,303	1,804
Confectionary and food	549	272
Handcrafts and art supplies	691	606
Games equipment	451	82
Building maintenance, fire and safety	2,643	1,277
Cleaning	1,001	2,108
Audit and other finance charges	-	25
IT & Stationery	312	-
Administration and training	228	684
Miscellaneous	678	359
Camps/Templars/District events	15,725	21,306
Bank charges	187	187
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	-	2,910
Total Payments	43,290	45,504

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

2,346	(10,934)
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Statement of Cash Balances as at 31 March

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening balance at 1 April	52,114	63,048
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year to 31 March	2,346	(10,934)
Closing balance at 31 March	54,460	52,114

Represented by Bank Balances

	£	£
Group bank accounts	39,867	39,867
Scout bank accounts	5,613	3,968
Cubs bank accounts	5,182	4,904
Beavers bank account	3,798	3,375
Total bank balances at 31 March	54,460	52,114

All funds are Unrestricted at 31 March 2024. A designated fund of £25,000 has been retained by the Trustees to ensure the adequate upgrade of the Scout Hall for necessary repairs and maintenance. This includes electrical upgrades and other improvements to heating and roofing that are required.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scouts



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

